

TOWN OF SPRINGDALE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM

1. **Town Board chair call to order** at 6:02 PM by Rosenbaum. 24 Town electors present included Mary Spaay, Bill Garfoot, Karl & Judy Hacker, James Graham, Amy Jester, John Hensey, Steve & Aimee Gauger, Rod Helt, Warren Wilson, Craig Judd, Eric & Pam Birschbach, Jim Ryan, Daniel Orrell, Nancy Rocks, Carol Statz, Constance Fox, Jim Esser (arrived late), John Rosenbaum, Wayne Hefty, Richard Schwenn, Rebecca Boelhower-Santi. 2 participants (non-voting) present via Zoom. Non-electors present at town hall included Admin/Clerk Arthur, Deputy Clerk Kalscheur, and Patrolman Dahlk. Admin/Clerk Arthur confirmed posting* on 4/13 and 4/17 at springdalewi.gov and Town Hall; Mt. Horeb Mail notified 4/13 in accordance with the open meetings law.
2. **Approval of minutes from April 19, 2022 annual meeting.**
MOTION (Hacker/Wilson) to approve minutes with no changes. No discussion. 23 aye, 0 nay.
3. **2022 Springdale financial report.** Treasurer Boelhower-Santi presented 2022 actual vs budget.

**2022 Springdale
 Financial Report**

Revenues	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	
Taxes	671,180	673,947	122 annex, 2647.35 SD rescinded tax
Cash on hand January 1	49,000	144,731.76	
January 1 ARPA Funds Account Balance	104,899	104,891.59	
January 1 Capital Projects Fund Balance	28,000	28,003.44	
Intergovernmental Revenue	168,335.33	169,993.11	shared rev, trans aid, fire dues, pers prop, recycle grant, comp aid, wec ballot refund, soldier's gravestone
Licenses and Permits	31,500.00	25,788.00	Johnson inspection started collecting full fee in October
Public Charges for Services	125,360.00	127,514.00	recycling with taxes and after, TOS fees
Intergovernmental Charges	-	-	
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,000.00	12,893.54	includes MFL, PILT, Ins Claim, ag/rezone penalty
Interest	500.00	8,842.08	
ATC Overweight Trips on Town Roads Pmt	-	53,000.00	didn't know about before first payment
TRIP Funds	-	14,250.00	rec'd 2021 amount in Jan 2022
Pass Through -Septic/Overpaid Taxes	-	18,465.20	
ARPA Funds	105,087.23	105,087.23	
ATC Powerline Environmental Aid	-	310,040.93	
Lust Road Fund (Kahl-owner)	-	259,293.50	
Total Revenues	\$ 1,285,861.56	\$ 2,056,740.91	
Expenditures	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	
General Government	172,475.00	184,297.00	
Public Safety	278,640.00	271,212.43	
Public Works	416,915.00	463,258.51	used ARPA for 2 roads
Health and Human Services	16,388.00	16,049.48	
Culture, Recreation & Education	2,900.00	2,900.00	
Conservation and Development	2,900.00	-	
Capital Outlay	-	-	28,000 added to capital account for future purchases
Debt Service	77,122.00	77,122.00	
Recycling	125,500.00	126,271.00	
Pass Throughs-septic & tax overpayments	-	18,372.97	
Total Expenditures	1,092,840.00	1,159,483.39	
ARPA Fund Balance	137,021.00	134,805.46	funds spent on wedding on Lewis and Sharpes Corner
ATC Powerline Environmental Aid Balance	-	313,614.15	includes interest
Capital Funds Balance	56,000.00	56,554.71	includes interest
Cash Balance	-	132,989.70	
Lust Road Fund (Kahl-owner)	-	259,293.50	includes interest
Total Expenditures and Cash	\$ 1,285,861.00	\$ 2,056,740.91	

- Unanticipated/interesting revenues –
 - ATC – two payments from ATC for overweight trips on town roads. Wasn't included in budget because we didn't know we'd be receiving them. Used most of it right away to fix the 2 roads (Wally and Witte) that were damaged.
 - PSC – compensation for powerline. One-time payment to be used for environmental conservation purposes and the yearly sum is to be used to make up for lost tax revenue. Didn't know that prior to budget either. Put into separate account right away, sitting waiting for projects. Talk more about that later in meeting.

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- ARPA 2nd installment – used some in 2022 for wedging and Lewis/Sharpes Corner roads. Pretty good chunk left.
- Lust Rd. account – separate fund created with money from resident responsible for road upgrade. Whatever we don't use goes back to him.

Everything else fairly close to budget. Spent more on roads than budgeted but used ARPA funds. \$56K in capital funds account created 2 years ago. Meant to save for larger purchases so that the town doesn't need as large of a loan to pay for new equipment in the future.

4. Town Board updates:

- ARPA Funds – mention new road work for wedging as road work went over budget in '22.
- ATC Environmental impact fees – none spent yet, no discussion yet on how they should be used and no deadline for using the money. Earning interest. W. Wilson questioned what the interest was; approx. 4.5%. S. Gauger – if we had a project today, does the board have the authority to expend the funds? Rosenbaum confirmed the board has the authority to spend these funds, and that much citizen input is desired. Unique opportunity to do something long-lasting for the Town.
- Town Hall Rd. bridge replacement. Jewell Engineering preliminary engineering review and estimated replacement costs presented in February '23. Presented 4 options for replacement, \$380K estimated to replace. Hopefully Town will get Dane Co. bridge aid for half, LRIP would hopefully take care of another portion along with potentially some ARPA funds and/or decent interest rate loan from the state. Can't put it off any longer due to the condition. Supervisor W. Hefty clarified that no actual construction until possibly 2025. Engineers didn't call out any imminent safety concerns.
- Town Hall ventilation/insulation project – energy efficiency is a problem. Budgeted \$20K for insulating shop, office, paint exterior and roof. 4 different contractors gave opinions and all said ventilation was problem, especially over the shop. No proper vents on the building, which means no constant flow leading to condensation in attic, gradually reducing the original 6-8" of attic insulation to about 2-3". Engineering firm proposal coming to discuss entire building, get the engineer's professional opinion. Town spent ~\$10 -12K on propane last year.
- Old Town Hall steps replacement – budgeted \$3,500 this year for front steps. Crumbling and pulling away from building. Gauger and Arthur worked on \$1,500 grant from Mt. Horeb community foundation. Rod Helt present, brought drawings for possible step configurations.

5. Thank you to Town workers and volunteers:

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- **Mt. Vernon Park Board:** Craig Judd, Tressa Proctor, Lindsay Jenson, James Graham, Jack Northrup, Scot Austin, Courtney Wollersheim, Troy Kemp, Jim Ryan
- **Upper Sugar River Watershed:** Lindsay Foy, Wade Moder, Matt Wallrath, Heather Hasenstein, Weiyi Zhao, Robert Bohanan, Scott Cramer, Mindy Schreiner, Olivia Bernauer, Bill Biesmann, Adam Cartwright, Amber Hofmaster, Mindy Schreiner
- **Donald Park Board:** Roger Parr, Sharon Hughes, Donna Thomas, Kristi Ramsey, Don and Barb Hartman and over 70 other volunteers
- **Cemetery caretakers:** Calvary-Ignatius, church office; Mt. Vernon, Harland Erfurth; Oak Hill, Carol Statz; Springdale Lutheran, Jim Laufenberg
- **Election inspectors:** Rebecca Boelhower-Santi, Loretta Docken (Chief), Carol Statz (Chief), Gina Gessler (Chief), Esther Esser, Chris Gargan, Steve Gauger, Barb Hartman, Rob Helm, Sharon Hughes, Lisa Lemberger, Doug Osborn (Chief), Luann Smith, Trouti Winkelman, LuAnn Zander, Kelly Keyes, Cheryl Sutter, Rich Henderson, Rich Bernstein, Nikki Vullings, David Bradley, Liz Beyer, Katie Freeman
- **Mt. Horeb Joint Area Fire District Fire Board Representative** Mike Lamberty
- **Weed Commissioner** Eric Birschbach
- **Snowplow drivers:** Rod Skindrud, Brian Mrochek, Tyler Kellesvig
- **PC members:** Amy Jester, Denise Sullivan, Ellen Bunn, Jim Hanson, Mike Healy, Rich Bernstein, Kelly Altschul
- **Town staff:** Devin Dahlk, Town Patrolman; Rebecca Boelhower-Santi, Treasurer; Peggy Kalscheur, Deputy Clerk; Jackie Arthur, Administrator/Clerk



6. Topics of interest for discussion/[action items](#) from Town residents/electors (actionable items limited to elector powers found in Wis. Stat. 60.10).

- R. Helt – cassitas/MIL suites help keep older people on their property longer, should consider as revision to zoning. A. Jester – Town is under Dane Co. zoning; these are allowed in almost all residential zoning districts with a CUP.
- B. Garfoot – anything on allocation for future road replacements vs. just band-aids? Rosenbaum – replacing is great idea, issue is that “mill and fill” is around \$90K/mile. Springdale has 48 miles of town roads. We currently budget 180K/year for road work. If we spent entire budget on mill and fill, we could only do 2 miles a year, would take 24 years to build the entire township, couldn’t do anything else to existing roads in that time.
- S. Gauger – thanked the board for zoom meetings and the hard work. Suggest some money be set aside in the budget for old town hall, maybe around \$40,000. We will work to get another MHCF grant, maybe for an accessibility project.

MOTION (S. Gauger/C. Fox) to suggest to the board that they allocate \$40,000 in the 2024 budget for ADA accessible entrances to old town hall and the acquisition of additional land for parking needs, as well as maintenance needs.

Discussion summary: questions from residents about what the purpose/plan/vision for old town hall is. S. Gauger sees it as a community center, a place for meetings, parties, grounds should be improved to more of a park using ATC funds, etc. General agreement that Gauger’s vision is a good one; however, counter arguments to Gauger’s vision included priority/need for better staff and election space in the 1980 town hall, land concerns with expansion of either building, lack of septic/plumbing to the building, small overall building space, and no direct access to parking. Consensus was that a master plan for the whole town hall property was needed before further funds should be allocated. No

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further discussion. Voice vote was nay. S. Gauger requested vote count by raised hand. 7 aye, 15 nay, motion failed.

- W. Wilson – asked about status of broadband improvements in the town. Rosenbaum explained that Springdale cannot apply for grants by itself, ISPs apply and Town can contribute dollars to make grant application more favorable. Boelhower-Santi – putting ARPA money towards broadband wouldn't benefit the whole town, only very small portions. Roadwork would benefit the whole town.
 - Boelhower-Santi – would like to propose that the board authorize the creation of a long-term planning committee for town property, advising a 5–10-year planning. Hacker and Garfoot agree this is a great idea. Board agreed.
7. Set date for 2024 annual meeting – The annual town meeting may set a different date than the statutory 3rd Tuesday in April, provided it is within 10 days after the 3rd Tuesday.

MOTION (Hacker/Wilson) to set the 2024 annual meeting as 4/16/24 at 6PM. All ayes, 0 nays.

8. Adjournment

MOTION (Hacker/Jester) to adjourn. All ayes, 0 nays.

Minutes taken and submitted by Jackie Arthur, administrator/clerk.

**Pursuant to Sec. 60.11, Wis. Stats., no public notice of an annual town meeting is required if the annual town meeting takes place on the third Tuesday in April. If the annual town meeting is not held on the third Tuesday in April, the meeting may be held within 10 days after the third Tuesday in April, but the notice must be published not more than 20 nor less than 15 days prior to the date of the annual meeting. See secs. 60.11(2)(b), 60.11(4) & 60.12(3), Wis. Stats.*